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Subject: Please reconsider...

Paruresis is a serious, unaccepted condition which must be dealt with care. With your new drug-testing policy, you are not only limited job opportunities for people with this problem, but you are also discriminating against them. I am a recovering paruretic (I have been able to recover due to early recognition, most people do not have that chance) and I speak for all when I say that this condition is humiliating and degrading. Please make sure people can recover from it at their own pace and don't force urine drug-testing on them. FYI: 17 million people suffer from some level of pee-shy or paruresis. Again, this condition must NOT be taken lightly. As human beings, we need to learn how to understand one another and make exceptions for each other. Thank you, I have full confidence in your ability to effectively address this immediate and real issue.

regards, Igor Vinokur, recovering paruretic.

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